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USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3898950. 679038

Present Owner: Department of Defense
Department of the Army
Fort Bragg

Original Use: Laundry

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Laundry on the Hill portion of the Overhills area at Fort Bragg is a contributing part of an eligible Fort Bragg historic district for the National Register of Historic Places. The Laundry was constructed ca. 1920 and was utilized by the Overhills Country Club employees. The Hill area is at the southwest portion of the Overhills historic district as identified in the Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report, Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, May 2000.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of Erection: Ca. 1920.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and Subsequent Owners: Rockefeller Family, Fort Bragg.
4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: Unknown.
5. Original plans and construction: None could be located.
6. Alterations and additions: Unknown.

B. Historical Context:

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: The Laundry is a simple one-story building with six windows, all original, and a double door entrance. The shed roof that covers the Laundry slopes moderately to the east. The brick foundation is exposed on the east elevation, as the ground slopes to that side.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The floor of the laundry is in poor condition and the chimney has fallen through the roof. The doors are swollen and cannot be closed.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: Built on a north-south orientation, the Laundry is a simple one-story building with the entrance located on the long side of the building. The building measures 12'-5"x 20'-4". The roof slopes to the east, as does the ground. All elevations are comprised of weatherboard siding with 6½" reveals and 2"x 4" end caps.

The north elevation (Photo NC-407-Z-2) has one six-over-six, double-hung window with green trim centered on the facade. The roof slopes to the east and the horizontal weatherboard siding is painted white.

The east elevation (Photo NC-407-Z-2) is the rear facade of the building and is composed of two six-over-six, double-hung windows and weatherboard siding. On this elevation the height of the roofline is 9'-6" above the foundation.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-Z-1) has one six-over-six, double-hung window with green trim centered on the facade. The roof slope is evident on this facade and weatherboards are painted white.

The west elevation (Photo NC-407-Z-1) is the front facade of the building; this is also the location of the only entrance. Two six-over-six, double-hung windows with green trim are located on this facade, one to either side of the central double doors. The roofline height is 12'-6" above the foundation wall on this facade.

2. Foundations: The foundation is a brick wall foundation. The ground slopes to the east, where the brick foundation is exposed twelve courses at its lowest point.
3. Wall Construction: Undetermined.
4. Structural System, Framing: The Laundry is a wood frame building. The roof structure is 2"x 6" rafters covered by 1"x 8" decking with 1'-0" spacing. Ceiling joists are 2"x 6".
5. Porches, Balconies: None.

6. Chimney: The brick chimney has collapsed through the roof. Bricks are 4"x 2½"x 8". The chimney had a 9'-5" tall, 6" diameter galvanized metal flue.
 7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: None.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: There is only one entrance to the building and it is located on the west facade, 8'-3" from the northwest corner. The opening measures 5'-3"x 7'-1" and is fitted with two doors, each measuring 2'-7½"x 6'-11". The doors are composed of 5¼" planks with 3/8" v-grooves. The door retains its original 7½"x 2½" closure and strap hinges. Trim is 4¼" on the top and sides of the doorway.
 - c. Windows: The windows are six-over-six, double-hung sashes, located 2'-6" above the concrete floor. Glass panes are 10"x 12" with ½" muntins. All windows are framed in 2'-10"x 4'-9" openings with 4½" trim. The north and south facades each have one window, centered on the wall. The east facade has two windows. The north window is located 4'-11" from the northeast corner and the south window is located 12'-10" from the same corner. The west elevation has two windows located 3'-5" and 14'-2½" from the northwest corner.
 8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, Covering: The Laundry has a shed roof and the roofing material is undetermined.
 - b. Cornice, Eaves: The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails and the roof overhang is 2'-0" on all sides. The north, west, and south facades each have 1"x 4" fascia boards.
 - c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: None.
- C. Description of Interior:
1. Floor Plan: The Laundry building is a single room that measures 11'-5"x 19'-4".
 2. Stairways and Ladders: None.
 3. Flooring: The floor is a concrete slab which slopes to a drain in the center.
 4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The interior walls and ceiling are finished in 3¼" tongue-and-groove boards.
 5. Openings:

- a. Openings: None.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: None.
 - c. Windows: None.
6. Decorative Features and Trim: There is a 1" quarter-round molding in all corners and along the ceiling.
7. Hardware: Original hardware appears to be extant for all of the windows and doors in the Laundry. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.
8. Mechanical Equipment:
- a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: None.
 - b. Lighting: There is no original lighting.
 - c. Plumbing: There is a water heater in the southeast corner of the building. It is 5'-7" tall and 1'-3" in diameter. The water heater is manufactured by the Cadbury Company, Richmond, VA.
 - d. Fixtures: A concrete sink is located in the southwest corner of the building (Photo NC-407-Z-3). It is 3'-11"x 2'-0" and tapers to 3'-11"x 1'-6". The sink is located 1'-4" above the ground and is supported by two decorative iron Chippendale legs. There are four places for spigots, but one is broken and missing; each spigot is 5" long with a 2" handle. There are two 1" diameter pipes running from the sink to the water heater in the southeast corner.
9. Original Furnishings: There are no original furnishings.
- D. Site:
1. General Setting: The Laundry is located to the northeast of the Black Servants' Quarters (No.44) and east of the eighteenth hole of the golf course. A road is located to the west, between the Laundry and the golf course.
 2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is no overall planting scheme for the Laundry. The building is to the west of a row of loblolly pine and southern maple trees. There are three loblolly pine trees in the grassy area to the west of the building. The west elevation is overgrown with several volunteer weeds.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural Drawings: There are none.

B. Historic Views: There are none.

C. Interviews: None

D. Bibliography:

1. Primary and unpublished sources:
2. Secondary and published sources:

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E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

The Cultural Resources Management Program in the Directorate Public Works at Fort Bragg, North Carolina sponsored this project. The project was completed at the Land and Heritage Conservation Branch of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). The project historian was Adam Smith (CERL). Adam Smith, with assistance from Christella Lai and Jennifer Feucht, produced the architectural description section of the report. Martin Stupich produced the large-format photographs contained in the report. Documentation was coordinated with the Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Program through preservation planner Cris Armstrong and architectural historian Michelle Michael. The documentation was completed October 2003.

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